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ILLEGAL ALIEN WITH PRIOR FELONY CONVICTION SENTENCED TO 65 MONTHS IN PRISON

TUCSON, Ariz. – Alain Ojeda-Sanchez, 26, of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced here today to 65 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Raner C. Collins. Ojeda-Sanchez had pleaded guilty on April 18, 2005 to attempted illegal re-entry after deportation in violation of Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1326(b)(2).

Ojeda-Sanchez pleaded guilty to attempting to illegally re-enter the U.S. at the Grand Avenue Port of Entry in Nogales, Ariz. on January 31, 2005, after a prior deportation from the U.S. Ojeda-Sanchez claimed to be a U.S. citizen and presented false citizenship documents to officers. When questioned, Ojeda-Sanchez became verbally abusive and spat upon officers. Ojeda-Sanchez was previously convicted for illegal re-entry in the District of Arizona in 2000 and was sentenced to 51 months in prison and was deported in August 2004. Ojeda-Sanchez has previously been deported two times and has prior state court convictions. Ojeda-Sanchez faces deportation after completing his 65-month sentence.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Border Patrol. The prosecution was handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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